

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Metcalf Elementary School Cafeteria, 30 Nooseneck Hill Road, Exeter, RI

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:08 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Diane Bampton Allen, Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

IV. Presentations

A. Metcalf School Presentation

Principal Laurie Ratigan and Assistant Principal Carol Fish presented on student engagement. Students and teachers from each grade level participated in presentation to school committee, district administrators and community.

V. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of March 8, 2016; Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

a. David Morin as head Softball Coach – Jr. High School, Annual Stipend \$3,254; effective for the 2015 – 2016

season, pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork

2. Leaves of Absence
3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
 - a. Letter from Steven Gardiner resigning his position as Summer School Director – Jr./Sr. High School, effective March 15, 2016
 - b. Resignation of Nicholas Balasco from his position as 1.0 FTE Groundskeeper/Custodian, effective March 25, 2016
4. Non-Renewals
5. Job Share Proposals
6. Recalls
7. Sabbaticals
8. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$351,531.95

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to pull the Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016

MSV – To accept the consent agenda minus the Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016 – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2016 – Bampton Allen/Donovan – (6-0-1) – MOTION APPROVED – Rafanelli abstained

E. Correspondence – (1) 2015 – 2016 School Calendar – *Amended March 22, 2016*; (2) Town of Warren-A RESOLUTION Relative to Transportation Categorical Aid to Regional Districts

Superintendent Erinakes disseminated new copies of correspondence (1) based on March 21, 2016 school cancellation

F. 2016 – 2017 Budget

VI. New Business

A. Approve 2016 – 2017 School Calendar

Superintendent Erinakes presented information on

- RISSA (RI School Superintendents Association) recommended calendar
- Neighboring communities adopted calendars
- Staff and student attendance on day prior to Thanksgiving break

MSV – To approve [2016-2107 school calendar] as presented – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Policies Review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion

1. 3801: Introduction to Purchasing and Payment Procedures – Deletion

Item tabled

2. 3802: Purchasing – Deletion

Item tabled

3. 3803: Cooperative Purchasing – Deletion

Item tabled

4. 3801: Purchasing of Supplies and Services – 1st Reading

Continued to next meeting

5. 3804: Authorized Travel and Travel Expense Reimbursement – 1st Reading

Continued to next meeting

6. 6237: Per Diem Substitute Teachers – Amendment

MSV – To approve 6237 as presented – Zuercher/Green – (7-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

7. 2155: Indemnification for School Administrators and School Committee Members - Amendment

MSV – To approve 2155 as presented – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

C. Approve Refunding of \$5.8 Million Bond Debt Services

Bob Ross requested school committee approve participation in the RIHEBC (RI Housing and Educational Building Corporation) refunding program for the \$5.8 million bond debt service and addressed committee members' questions.

MSV – To approve participation in the RIHEBC refunding program for the \$5.8 million bond debt service – Kissinger/Green – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update

Bob Ross updated members on the Stage II process.

VIII. Reports/Comments

Chair Pande shared a communication from West Greenwich regarding Charter Committee appointments.

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Monday, March 28, 2016-Public Hearing @7:PM; Monday, April 11, 2016-All-Day Referendum; Monday, March 28, 2016-Public Hearing at 7:PM; Monday, April 11, 2016-All Day Referendum AND Special School Committee Meeting @ 8:30 PM; Tuesday, April 12,

**2016-School Committee Meeting – Sr. High School Presentation; Tuesday,
April 26, 2016-School Committee Meeting**

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:26 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice and 42-46-5 (a)(1) - Personnel – Rafanelli/Zuercher – and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of March 22, 2016] – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of March 22, 2016] – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIII. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

**JAMES H. ERINAKES, II
SUPERINTENDENT**